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SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF DR. ROBERT FRÄNKEL

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the attached Information Disclosure Statement, duly signed by Dr. Robert Fränkel and the eighteen (18) references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto.

The relevance of these references is that they are cited in the Specification, the International Search Report and in the Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office, and may be material to the examination of the application.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to a first Office Action, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge, or to credit any over payment, to our Deposit Account Number 03-2468.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered and placed into the application file.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Submission of Information Disclosure Statement of Dr. Robert Fränkel (1)
- Information Disclosure Statement of Dr. Robert Fränkel; (2)
- International Search Report; (3)
- Office Action from the German Patent Office; (4)
- PTO-form 1449 w/copies of eighteen (18) references; (5)
- Assignment w/Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet. (6)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on July 31, 2002.



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## Information Disclosure Statement

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir or Madam:

I, Robert Fränkel, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Krottenkopfstr. 10, 81377 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed application, in the International Search Report and in the Office Action of the German Patent and Trademark Office and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

For EP 0 744 214 the corresponding US 5,792,719 is enclosed.

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Signed this 30th day of January, 2002.

Dr. Robert Fränkel